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1. The construction of the "23 August" Stadium in Bucharest was started in March 1953, but on 2 August 1953, the day for the opening of the Fourth World Youth Festival, the Stadium was not yet completed. During the preceding months Rumanian boys and girls had been called upon to help with the construction. After their regular daily work, they were required to work "voluntarily" on the Stadium for two or three hours a day. Names were taken down of those who neglected this duty.
2. Although the structure itself seemed to be in excellent condition, the streets which converged at this location were in bad condition and the environs had not been leveled. Walking about was dangerous because of the ruts and debris. The Stadium was built to hold more than 80,000 spectators and at the final Rumanian-Hungarian football game it held 100,000 visitors. the present new Rumanian constructions of stadiums and summer theaters (the latter in classic Greek style) lack the necessary stability to remain standing for long.

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